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Sens. Kuipers, Van Woerkom to announce pier-safety legislation

Who: Sens. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, and Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores; Vince Deur, president of the Pier Safety Task Force; and officials from Grand Haven Public Safety and Muskegon County Health Department.

Vicki Cech, a member of the Pier Safety Task Force, also is expected to talk about pier safety. She became active in stressing pier safety after she lost her son, Andy.

What: News conference announcing legislation to increase safety on piers and crack down on the theft of life preservers placed on piers.

When: 2:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 17.

Where: Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce, One S. Harbor Dr., Grand Haven. Use lower-level entrance. Event is in the chamber conference room.

Briefing: Concerned about the number of pier-related deaths in Michigan, citizens, local officials and state lawmakers want to raise awareness about pier safety and stop the theft of life preservers from piers. The senators will announce safety legislation they are introducing and discuss ways of educating young people about how to be safe on piers.